

noon, Senator BYRD controlling the time between 12 and 1 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, on Wednesday, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 1 p.m. under the order. At 1 p.m., the Senate will begin consideration of S. 248, the U.N. dues legislation. A minimal amount of debate is expected on the legislation. Therefore, it is expected that a vote will occur during tomorrow afternoon's session.

On Thursday, the Senate will begin consideration of the pipeline safety bill. I hope the Senate can complete consideration of that bill prior to the week's adjournment.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order following the remarks of the distinguished Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE RETIREMENT OF OUR FRIEND "TINKER," ARTHUR MALAN ST. CLAIR

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, a special guest joined us at our caucus lunch this afternoon. His name is Arthur Malan St. Clair. We know him better as "Tinker."

Tinker St. Clair has spent 55 years in public service. He has worked in the Senate—for the Sergeant at Arms—for the last 22 years. This Friday, he is retiring.

His leaving was inevitable. He is, after all, 85 years old, although you would never guess it. Even so, Tinker's departure will leave a void for all of us.

Every Member of this Senate knows how dedicated Tinker is to his work. We all know how much he loves this Senate, and this Nation. We have all benefitted—at some time—from Tin-

ker's kind smile, and from his quiet words of encouragement, which always seemed to come exactly when we needed them. We will all miss him.

Tinker St. Clair was born in a coal miner's camp in McDowell County, West Virginia. His father worked in the mines. All together, his parents had six sons and one daughter.

He got his nickname from his grandmother, because he was a curious little boy—always "tinkering" with something, she said.

While some of his brothers followed their father into the coal mines, Tinker knew he wanted to do something different with his life. After graduating from high school in 1937, he went to work as a school bus driver, and then a commercial bus driver. He later owned his own small taxi business.

In 1940, Tinker had the good sense and good fortune to marry Elnora Hall. They would remain married for 55 years, until her death.

Tinker and Elnora had two daughters, Patty and Linda. In 1948, when the girls were little, Tinker began his life in public service. He became Deputy Sheriff for McDowell County.

Over the next 20 years, he would serve as: court bailiff; criminal investigator for the McDowell County prosecuting attorney; and justice of the peace.

In 1968, Tinker was elected McDowell County Clerk, running on the slogan: "the man to give the office back to the people." In 1974, he was re-elected—with 89 percent of the vote. He might have won 100 percent of the vote had he chosen to run for a third term.

As a local office holder, Tinker helped many a national leader through the back roads of West Virginia. He walked through the coal fields with President Truman. In 1960, he campaigned with a charismatic young Senator from Massachusetts, John Kennedy. He greeted President Johnson during LBJ's visit to West Virginia. He was at Robert Kennedy's side in 1968 when Senator Kennedy sought to bring hope to places prosperity had overlooked. He has been a constant help over the years to his fellow West Virginians, ROBERT BYRD and JAY ROCKEFELLER.

In July 1979, Tinker and Elnora left West Virginia and moved to the Washington area to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren. At 63—an age when most people are thinking about retiring—Tinker came to work in the Senate.

A friend once told me that—for a month after she started working in this building—every time she saw Tinker, she thought, "Which Senator is

that?" You can see how a person could think that. Tinker St. Clair is one of the most distinguished-looking men you could ever hope to meet. He's also one of the kindest.

At our caucus lunch today, Tinker told us he plans to visit his two brothers in Florida. He also hopes to do a little traveling with his 82-year-old sister, who lives in Tennessee—if she can get away long enough from the little shop she owns and runs.

Tinker also told us about some of the friendships he has made in the Senate. Probably the most important of those friendships was with the man who was sitting at his left at lunch, his fellow West Virginian, ROBERT BYRD—the only man in the Senate with hair as nice as Tinker's own.

He also spoke about his friendship with the man seated to his right: TED KENNEDY. They first met in 1960—two years before TED KENNEDY was elected to the Senate. Recently, as a token of their friendship, SENATOR KENNEDY gave Tinker a framed photograph. It shows the three Kennedy brothers John, Bobby and TED all standing together, smiling and young.

"It's really something," Tinker told us.

We feel that same way about you, Tinker. You're really something.

On behalf of the Senators and staff, I want to say: We're proud to have had the chance to work with you and to know you. You are a treasured member of our Senate family. You take with you our best wishes as you begin this next chapter of your life.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now stand in adjournment.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5:32 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, February 7, 2001, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATION

Executive nomination received by the Senate February 6, 2001:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
JOE M. ALLBAUGH, OF TEXAS, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate February 6, 2001:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ROBERT B. ZOELLICK, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED
STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF
AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.